MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: In how many months' time will the work be completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I hope the whole contract will be finished in 15 months' time.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): May I know the total amount collected for the last 40 years on that road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: That question does not arise. I would request the honourable member to put a fresh interpellation.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Was not the bad condition of the road brought to the notice of Government some years back and a suggestion made for its improvement as yearly as possible?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: That might have been done.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know from Government whether any private lands have been acquired by Government in this connection?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: If such lands become necessary it is the duty of the department to bring it to the notice of Government for due action.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: On a point of order. May I know whether honourable members who have asked supplementary questions once are permitted to put supplementary questions again on the same question?

PRESIDENT: I hope the honourable members are fully aware of the rules and also of the latitude allowed by the President in respect of the rules regarding the putting of supplementary questions. I trust that they will not be abused by the honourable members.

The bund in S. No. 1100/1 of the Chemmanad pakuthy, Kunnatnad taluk.

84 * MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: With regard to the bund in S. No. 1100/1 of the Chemmanad pakuthi, Kunnatnad taluk, and its lock, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Irrigation Department has constructed a bund with a lock in S. No. 1100/1 of the Chemmanad pakuthy, Kunnatnad taluk;

(*b*) if so, the year in which it was constructed;

(*c*) whether any petition that certain damages were done to the bund and the lock in Dhanu 1100 was received about that time, by the authorities of the Department;

(*d*) if so, when and from whom it was received;

(*e*) if such an information was received, whether any departmental enquiry was made in the matter and, if so, the officer who made the enquiry and the date on which it was made;

(*f*) whether the police made any enquiry in regard to the damage to the bund and the lock, and filed any charge; if so, what was its result;

(*g*) whether they are aware that the owners of agricultural lands who were using water from the said lock for agricultural purposes had complained to the Executive Engineer, Alwaye, and that after his inspection of the place and under his instruction they have petitioned the Irrigation Assistant Engineer, Muvattupuzha, in the matter;

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(*h*) whether as the result of the said petition the Irrigation Section Officer, Alwaye, went and inspected the said place, if so, whether he has reported that fact to his superior, and if so, the substance of his report :

(*i*) whether on his arrival at the place he advised the ryots to repair the said bund and lock, promising to make the Government pay the amount spent for the repairs and permitted them to make the repairs ;

(*j*) whether the Irrigation Section Officer has made a report to the above effect to his superior, if so, its date ;

(*k*) whether they are aware that in accordance with the promise mentioned above, the ryots repaired and restored the bund and the lock to their original condition ;

(*l*) if the ryots have so repaired, whether any amount was paid to them on that account, if not, the reason therefor ;

(*m*) whether the Government are aware that notice has been served from the Chemmanad Pakuthy Cutcherry in Medom 1112 on the owners of properties comprised in S. Nos. 301/1-2, 302/1-2-3-4, 1018/1-2-3-5-9, 1095/1-10-11-12-16 of the Chemmanad pakuthi demanding water cess for taking water from bund No. 1100/1, while as a matter of fact these lands lie on a level higher than that of the lock, that these owners have no facilities for using the water in bund No. 1000/1 through the lock, that they have been and are using water from the Karapuzha chira of the said pakuthi for agricultural purposes and that the Irrigation Department has done no work there ;

(*n*) whether the Government, the Land Revenue Commissioner, the Dewan Peishkar, the Tahsildar of the taluk, the Chief Engineer and the Irrigation Division Officer have received petitions complaining against the levy of water cess for water which as mentioned before, is of no use to them and which they have not actually used :

(*o*) if so, who all got such petitions , and

(*p*) whether any of them has taken any action in the matter, if so, the nature of the action taken by each and the stage at which the matter stands at present ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In 1934.

(*c*) Yes, in 1935.

(*d*) Two petitions from Kombana Moothedathu Vasudevan Nambudiripad and others were received by Division Officer, Irrigation, and Sub-Division Officer, Muvattupuzha Irrigation Sub-Division in January 1935.

(*e*) Yes. An enquiry was made by the Section Officer, Alwaye Irrigation Section on 15-1-1935.

(*f*) Yes. A case was registered and enquired into by the Police. It was charge-sheeted on 20-8-1110 before the Second Class Magistrat Alwaye, who acquitted the accused.

(*g*) Yes.

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(*h*) Yes. The Section Officer, Alwaye, inspected the site on 29-5-1935 and reported to the Sub Division Officer that the ryots were doing the work at their own cost.

(*i*) No.

(*j*) No report except the one referred to in reply to item (*h*).

(*k*) The ryots repaired the bund.

(*l*) They were not paid for the work because they were bound to keep the bund in repair as per the Irrigation Act.

(*m*) Yes.

(*n*) and (*o*). Petitions were received by Government and Division Officer, Irrigation, Land Revenue Commissioner, Division Peishkar, Kottayam, and Tahsildar, Kunnatnad.

(*p*) Yes. Government have already ordered that the lands which are not benefited by the work are exempted from payment of half contribution.

Construction of a dam across thePeriyar.

85 ✻ **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it has been brought to their notice through representations made in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and the Sri Mulam Assembly and through petitions that if a dam is constructed above the water fall at "Puthen Kettu", "Kiliyan's fall" and "Tadikompan" in Periyar and if water is diverted through channels, it could be used for cultivating many acres of land, that would be a source of profit to the Government and prosperity to the country and that therefore the matter should receive their attention;

(*b*) whether a scheme regarding this has been submitted to the Government by the Executive Engineer, Mr. John Kurien while he was at Alwaye;

(*c*) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of that scheme;

(*d*) if this has been brought to their attention, whether any investigation in the matter has been made by them, and

(*e*) if so, the result of such investigation.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) to (*e*). As far as could be traced, no papers are available.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഇങ്ങനെ ഒരു ഡാം ഉള്ളതായി ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: It has already been answered that no papers are available to show that any proposal or investigation has been made.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: അതിലെ വെള്ളം തിരിച്ചുവിട്ടാൽ അനേകം ഏക്കർ സ്ഥലം കൃഷിചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കുമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

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